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In re application of:

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DECISION ON PETITION

Serial No.: 09/681,874 Filed: June 20, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING CATALYST STORAGE CAPACITY

This is a decision on the petition received by fax on December 17, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application on June 29, 2001. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned July 3, 2001. The notice of abandonment was mailed on September 30, 2002.

On December 17, 2002, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgement that the attorney never received the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on June 29, 2001.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

A new Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application is enclosed with this decision setting forth a response period of two months from the date of the notice.

The Office regrets any inconvenience this may have caused the client.

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